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Health Ministry to sue tobacco firms for NIS 20b.

By JUDY SIEGEL and LIAT COLLINS

The Health Ministry has decided to file a NIS 20 billion lawsuit against Israeli and foreign manufacturers and importers of tobacco products to pay some of the health system's costs of treating smokers. Some 5,000 smokers in Israel die from tobacco-related causes every year.

A similar lawsuit, with hundreds of billions of dollars at stake, is being organized by 30 US states, with Minnesota at the forefront of the campaign. Israel will apparently adopt the policy of Minnesota of asking the court to force the tobacco companies to pay all its legal fees.

The decision "in principle" was announced yesterday in the Knesset on World No-Tobacco Day by Deputy Health Minister Shlomo Benizri, who has been appointed by Health Minister Yehoshua Matza to head anti-smoking efforts. Benizri has also won promises from Knesset Speaker Dan Tichon to enforce strictly the law limiting smoking in the House. Benizri said that Knesset workers will hand out fines to people in the building who are caught smoking in non-smoking areas.

The Dubek cigarette company spokesman Ran Rahav said: "I not only won't comment, I refuse to comment."

The Israel Forum for the Prevention of Smoking, which brings together numerous public institutions and groups, heartily endorsed the action. "We are studying the subject in depth," Benizri told *The Jerusalem Post*. "We haven't decided on the exact time or way of doing it yet, but we have agreed in principle to go ahead. We may want to see which way the suit against tobacco companies in the US will go."

In the Knesset plenum, Benizri set out a list of steps to be taken in the ministry's anti-smoking campaign. Among them: Strict regulation of advertising, banning the sale of cigarettes to those under 18; banning automatic cigarette vending machines; and raising the price of cigarettes. The money from fines would be used to finance information campaigns and enforcement, he said. Benizri also said he intends to push legislation and enforcement against smoking, and establish treatment centers for nicotine addicts. He said that every year 400,000 workdays are lost through smoking-related illnesses, amounting to some \$40 million. Death, disease, and hospitalization cost the country more than \$3 billion a year, he said. His announcement that the no-smoking laws would be enforced in the Knesset angered Likud MK Gideon Ezra, who demanded that smokers at least be given "a respectable place to sit in, not be sent to some corner."

MKS caught smoking in no-smoking areas would receive a NIS 180 fine, Benizri said. Meretz MK Annon Rubinstein raised the subject of World No-Tobacco Day as a motion to the Knesset agenda. "One no-tobacco day is a good idea, but it would be better if every day were a no-tobacco day," he said. Speaker Tichon said the Knesset must serve as example in abiding by the laws it passes.

Exit polls:

Barak sweeps to victory



Labor leadership rivals Ehud Barak (right) and Shlomo Ben-Ami greet each other at a polling station in Haifa yesterday. (Israel Hadar)

By SARAH HONIG

The expected happened in the Labor Party leadership primary yesterday, and MK Ehud Barak swept impressively to victory. If predictions based on exit

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polls by Channels 1 and 2 are borne out, Barak roundly defeated his three rivals, garnering well over 50 percent of the vote.

The Channel 1 poll gave Barak 57% and Channel 2 gave 56%. The final results will only be known this morning.

According to both polls, MK Yossi Beilin came in second with 28% (Channel 1) or 26% (Channel 2). Newcomer MK Shlomo Ben-Ami won an unexpectedly high 11%, according to both predictions. The big loser of the race was MK Ephraim Sneh, with only 4% (Channel 1) or 7%

(Channel 2). "This is the first time in Labor's history that such a clear, decisive victory was achieved," Barak's lieutenant, MK Uzi Baram, said. "This will mean that there will be no factions and no warring camps. We will defeat [Prime Minister Binyamin] Netanyahu in the next elections."

He warned, however, that there may be slight changes, "because the pollsters have trouble gauging the situation in the Arab sector and where there are organized groups, such as in the kibbutzim." If the pollsters are right, Barak will have bettered Netanyahu's achievement in the 1993 Likud primary, when he won 52%. A sweeping victory was the psychological target, and in Labor it is argued that this impressive lead gave Netanyahu immunity from challenges and will do the same for Barak.

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COMMENT

The more things change...

By SARAH HONIG

In 1938, legendary Palmah commander Yitzhak Sadeh posed for a photo flanked by two strapping, handsome youths - Moshe Dayan and Yigal Allon. History already seemed to have singled them out as the great Sabra hopes, destined to lead the country one day.

Three decades later, they headed rival Labor Party factions and battled each other for the legacy of old Mapai. They did not start the strife. They merely continued it as the young standard-bearers for established camps dating to the misty pre-World War I days of passionate socialist hair-splitting.

Allon and Dayan died without fulfilling their aspirations, as members of a frustrated, skipped-over "middle generation."

They bequeathed their feud, however, to Yitzhak Rabin (Allon's disciple) and Shimon Peres (Dayan's). The party lines were still drawn according to the ancient patterns, with Peres and Rabin slugging it out most of the time, but pragmatically burying the hatchet when it suited them.

Though Rabin has been gone for a year and a half, the Rabin-Peres era officially ended only last night - after 23 eventful years.

The Labor camps of old may yet reappear for another round. All indications show plenty of logistical and ideological infrastructure for a sequel. Only time will tell, but what is certain is that different warriors will cross swords, although the prevalent suspicion in the party is that Peres still has plenty of rabbits in his hat.

He vowed not to retire and has secured the authority to choose Labor's ministers in a national unity government, should one be formed before September 16.

Though Peres's bag of tricks may still be full, the irreversible fact is that the party has a new chairman and that the center of power has shifted. The party establishment lost no time in switching allegiance. The fact that for years Peres was the almighty boss could not win him the title of party president last month. Different fingers will now control the party machine, but that in itself does not guarantee that a new Labor Party will necessarily emerge. In the background, there are still plenty of ambitious egos from another "middle generation" which has not lived up to its potential - Uzi Baram, Binyamin Ben-Eliezer, David Libe'i, Avraham Shohat and



The famous 1938 photo of Yitzhak Sadeh flanked by Moshe Dayan (left) and Yigal Allon.

others - as well as the defeated leadership contenders. There is even one protagonist, Haim Ramon, who stayed out of the race this time, but has already threatened to challenge in two years - unless he is made No. 2 now. Ramon claims he could have wrested a lot of support from all of the candidates had he run yesterday. Of course, he did not, and so his boasts can never be put to the test. Yet he - and everyone else - will now have to be mollified, lest old camps be resurrected. It is far too soon to assert that the party slate has been wiped clean. There has been a generational

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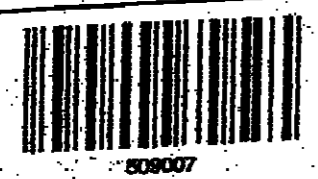
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PM: PA official wanted for murder

Netanyahu says killers of suspected land dealers will stand trial

By JAY BUSHINSKY, UREI HEILMAN, and LIAT COLLINS

Israel intends to put on trial Palestinians being held for involvement in the murder of suspected land dealers, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu told coalition MKs at a meeting in the Knesset yesterday.

"We are running a broad investigation and it has already led us to one of those responsible in the Palestinian Authority, and a warrant for him has been issued. If he leaves Ramallah, he will be arrested and questioned," Netanyahu said.

He said investigations show that the official, whose identity he did not disclose, was directly involved in the murders.

Earlier, after watching an IDF Central Command training exercise, Netanyahu said: "It is the PA's responsibility to cease and desist

from these barbaric acts that cast a grave shadow over their intentions to make peace and their commitment to human rights.

"We have definite proof that there was planning and organization for the abduction of these merchants to PA-controlled territory. We cannot say the same about the actual executions, but these people were brought to Ramallah, warned in the strictest terms, and a day later are found... savagely butchered."

Pledging to take police action to prevent further killings, Netanyahu also demanded that senior figures in the PA stop calling for the murder of Palestinian land dealers. "It goes against the grain of everything we expect the Palestinians to do to achieve peace between us," he said, conceding that an air of tension exists between Israel and the Palestinians.

"We want these deeds to stop because of our actions," Netanyahu

said. "We're talking about insufferable acts."

Netanyahu said the Ministerial Committee on Jerusalem's decision to deploy 400 additional police officers in eastern Jerusalem was made on the basis of the desire of local residents to "see the rule of law and order" in that part of the city.

Meanwhile, the government formally asked the PA to refrain from fomenting violence against people who sell or facilitate the sale of land to Israelis, and to treat those who resort to politically-motivated murder with the severity required by law.

In a letter to chief Palestinian negotiator Saeb Erekat, Israeli negotiators expressed "increasing concern" about statements made by his colleagues that the death penalty would be imposed on those whose real estate transactions constitute treason.

Referring to the three slayings of

Palestinian land dealers last month, cabinet secretary Danny Naveh and Foreign Ministry aide Ya'acov Bardugo said: "These callous murders have not been condemned by officials on the Palestinian side."

"On the contrary, statements made by such officials, both before and after the execution of these heinous acts, have conveyed the message that such crimes are to be condoned."

Naveh and Bardugo also alluded to PA Justice Minister Freih Abu-Medeen, who contended that it was treasonous to sell land to Jews and implied that those who engage in such sales deserve to die.

"It is particularly grave and serious that such statements have been made by the very individuals consulted with the implementation and enforcement of law and justice," they said. "Such statements and acts represent a flagrant violation of both the spirit and the letter

of the Interim Agreement and stand in blatant contradiction to the principles of peace, trust, and cooperation which underlie the entire peace process."

Jon Immanuel adds: The Palestinian Legislative Council has been discussing passing a law against the sale of land to Israelis, but there is still discussion as to whether the punishment for such an infraction should be the death sentence. Palestinian human rights groups are unanimously opposed to the death sentence, although they admit that the sale of land to Israelis is a crime.

Hillel Kuttler adds from Washington: At tomorrow's meeting here of international donors to the Palestinian cause, the US will urge the PA to issue an "unequivocal condemnation" of the killings, State Department spokesman Nicholas Burns told reporters.

Levy: Killings are a 'ticking bomb'

By JAY BUSHINSKY

Foreign Minister David Levy yesterday told European Union envoy Miguel Moratinos that the murders of Palestinian real-estate dealers are "a ticking bomb that must be dismantled immediately."

Moratinos conferred with Levy on the eve of his departure for Cairo, where he is to meet with President Hosni Mubarak. He said the EU opposes the killings, noting that Palestinian Authority aides assured him that the PA was not involved in them.

"The land issue must be dealt with through dialogue, not by violence," he said.

Levy quoted Moratinos as saying Israeli and Palestinian representatives will meet next week to discuss renewal of negotiations. However, he was unsure about their level.

"If the PA uses the murder of land dealers to achieve political objectives, this means that it decided to withdraw from the peace process," Levy said.

On the other hand, Levy saw no alternative to the process and said Israel is determined to achieve peace. He criticized the international community's reaction to the twists and turns of normal negotiations, "Whenever there are differences of opinion between the two sides, an atmosphere of automatic condemnation of Israel is generated," he said.

Before meeting Levy, Moratinos met chief PA negotiator Saeb Erekat, who also left for Cairo, where he will evidently join PA Chairman Yasser Arafat at a meeting with Mubarak.

REPORTER'S NOTEBOOK

No surprise, but plenty of joy at Barak's headquarters

By HERB KEINON

A robust cheer filled the small, packed control-room in Ehud Barak's Ramat Gan headquarters last night when Israel Television projected that he had taken 56 percent of the Labor primary vote.

"Whatever the case, the results will not be that much different

from the projection," a matter-of-fact Uzi Baram told Barak in a congratulatory telephone call minutes after the results were broadcast.

"The party is united," said Barak supporter MK Eli Goldschmidt, who added, "When four candidates run and one receives nearly 60% of the vote, it puts an end to factions

in the party. The major significance of the vote is that there are no more camps in Labor."

The visage of Barak, with his trademark quarter-grin, stared down at a number of MKs - including Baram, Goldschmidt, Yael Dayan and Ori Orr - who showed up at the headquarters and obviously agreed with the slogan under the poster: "Only with Barak will we win."

In the run-up to the 10 o'clock projection, the question was not whether Barak would win, but by how much.

"There is not a lot of tension here," admitted Zvika Ben-Porat, 27, one of dozens of volunteers who crammed into the poorly-ventilated headquarters to be part of the action. Ben-Porat said that any victory under 54% would "be a sign of weakness, dangerous for the party."

Ben-Porat, of Tel Aviv's Hatikva quarter, said he devoted numerous hours in the month to Barak's campaign, but in a candid statement that should concern Barak and his handlers, Ben-Porat said that if Yitzhak Mordechai is Likud candidate in 2000, "I will vote for Barak, but wouldn't be that disappointed if Mordechai won."

This seems to illustrate what has been said throughout the campaign that Barak's followers support him with their heads, but not their hearts.

One man last night who supported Barak with both his head and his heart was his brother, Avinoam Brog.

Brog, at 52 three years younger than Ehud, said he was "moved" by the whole scene.

"Among those here are a cousin of my mother and a couple of kibbutz friends."

The rest are people who want Ehud because they want a change.

Brog said that nothing from their youth gave any indication that his brother would rise so high on the political ladder.

"I played basketball, and he played piano. I thought maybe he would be a pianist, but not the head of a party."



Interior Minister Eli Suissa shakes hands with Jerusalem police chief Cmdr. Yair Yitzhaki before their meeting yesterday in eastern Jerusalem. (Chaled Zoghbi)

Arab Interior Ministry workers back on job

By ELI WOHLGELERTER and news agencies

Arab Interior Ministry workers in eastern Jerusalem returned to work yesterday after a four-day absence, following alleged threats on their lives by the Palestinian Authority.

Interior Minister Eli Suissa said extra police will be on hand to guard the workers, who will be given an electronic "panic button" to contact the police in case of emergency.

Suissa met with Jerusalem police chief Cmdr. Yair Yitzhaki yesterday morning at the ministry's branch office at 17 Damascus Road, and the two promised the employees that they would be protected, and that they would do everything possible to arrest those who threatened their lives.

"Most of the population here wants this office to remain open, although unfortunately many of them are afraid to speak out," said

Suissa. "It is true that the Arab employees face a threat, but they want to continue working here. We will provide the necessary security, and this office will remain open."

The workers had failed to show up for work since last week, following reports in the Arab media that the PA considered Arab employees of the ministry as collaborators with Israel who will be put on trial.

The PA threatened to put them on trial because they allegedly assist in efforts to deprive east Jerusalem Arabs of residency rights by confiscating Israeli ID cards. This is reportedly the first time the PA is officially threatening government ministry workers.

The PA's newspaper, *Al-Ayyam*, published in Ramallah, said last week that the Arab workers at the Interior Ministry receive \$5,000 for their assistance in confiscating ID cards.

Hatam Abdel-Khader, a member of the Palestinian legislative council, sharply criticized the workers and hinted they are traitors. "They are acting in a negative fashion against their own people, and no longer belong to this people," he was quoted as saying.

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Beilin hoped to come away with at least a third of the vote. That he did not, say members of his entourage, may mean that MK Haim Ramon will take over the leadership of his group.

Barak, it is said, will now have to court Ramon to prevent the challenge which he warned he would mount in 1999. Moves to that effect may already be under way, said party sources.

Beilin, nevertheless, declared he was happy with the result. "If it really is as predicted, I don't need to be given positions of power by anyone. I have power. I will not set up a camp of my own inside Labor, but I do have a united ideological group which will stick together in any situation."

Beilin pledged his cooperation to Barak, but said "it would take time to assess just what sort of change took place in Labor."

For Ben-Ami, every vote was a pure gain, because he had come from low on the Labor Knesset list and entered the race late. He expressed satisfaction because "a new face and a new message, the only relevant message, could break through. I did so without a machine behind me and without great financial backing."

Sneh sounded disappointed, but

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

THE WEEKLY MEETING of the English-speaking Jerusalem Rotary Club will take place today at 1:00 p.m. at the YMCA, King David Street. Distribution of Jerusalem Foundation scholarships.

TA wants a strong leader

By RAINE MARCUS and ELI GRONER

Ehud Barak's imminent victory was just about the only thing that Labor Party members in Tel Aviv agreed upon at the polls yesterday. Those who identify with Barak's ideology, along with many who don't, cast their vote for him en masse.

Ronen Arnon, 65, said the former chief of staff resembles the late Yitzhak Rabin. "After 40 years, I almost left the party because of the division within. I feel that with Barak as the leader, a new much-needed sense of unity will prevail," he said.

Other senior citizens, such as Eli Hemo, echoed the sentiment that Barak will handle the sensitive issue of transition within the party - from the older Rabin/Peres leadership to a younger generation - with great aplomb.

Hemo said the change will be a "positive one that couldn't have come sooner. Barak is the kind of person that everyone can rally around."

"To be perfectly candid," said Ya'ara Or-Lev, 54, "I identify more with Beilin and Ben-Ami than I do with Barak. Concurrently, I acknowledge that Barak is the only candidate who can lead us to victory over Binjamin Netanyahu. My feeling is that a leader needs to have broad support, which is why I cast my vote for Barak."

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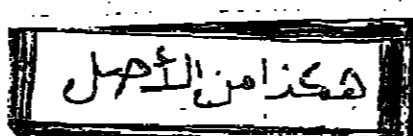
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Volcker: Swiss bank audits to begin soon

By DAVID HARRIS

Initial audits on 10 Swiss banks believed to have dormant accounts from before and during World War II will begin in the next few days, Independent Committee of Eminent Persons chairman Paul Volcker announced yesterday.

Five of the banks will be subjected to document-retention audits, Volcker said.

Meanwhile, Jewish leaders from former Soviet states yesterday accused world Jewry and in particular its major organizations of neglecting their communities, financially and administratively.

These latest developments within the issue of Holocaust restitution came during the council and executive meetings of the World Jewish Restitution Organization (WJRO) together with the fifth sitting of the Volcker committee in Jerusalem

this week.

The audits, which will be undertaken by accountants Arthur Anderson, KPMG and Price Waterhouse, are the first of their kind, and the Volcker committee pointed out in a statement that no conclusions have been made in advance concerning these banks.

In the near future, Volcker said, a full list of named dormant accounts of monies deposited in Swiss banks from the 1930s through the end of World War II will be published, enabling claimants to have their monies returned.

While the Swiss admit to the existence of 774 dormant accounts, a senior WJRO official said he expects the eventual total will be far higher.

The Volcker committee is expected to assess the results of the pilot audits in September, and then launch a full-scale investigative

audit program.

The document-retention audit is aimed at ascertaining whether there is evidence of documents having been shredded.

Speaking at a special sitting of the Knesset committee for the Return of Jewish Property, its chairman Avraham Herschson said the issues involved are by no means restricted to the Swiss banks. Herschson called on neutral European countries to give full compensation for money and property seized.

"This is a quest for justice and moral affirmation," said World Jewish Congress President Edgar Bronfman. "We seek no charity. We seek to restore to our people what was violently stolen from it."

Nineteen of the spiritual and secular leaders of Jewish communities in the former Soviet Union issued a statement urging a change in pol-



Jewish Agency Chairman Avraham Burg (left) confers with World Jewish Congress President Edgar Bronfman at yesterday's meeting of the World Jewish Restitution Organization in Jerusalem. (Brian Hendler)

icy towards them. "Those in Eastern Europe are completely excluded from all kinds of compensation," said

Russian Federation of Jewish Organizations and Communities president Michael Chlenov. "World Jewry and the top bodies

are neglecting us." This was strongly refuted by World Jewish Congress general secretary Israel Singer. "They have

representation through the World Jewish Congress, Jewish Agency and Joint Distribution Committee," Singer said.

Civil Service blasts Hammer over Jewish values staff plan

By LIAT COLLINS

Serious criticism of the Education Ministry's plan to establish an administration for educational values was voiced in the Knesset yesterday.

During discussions on the plan for the body which would work on promoting Jewish and Zionist values within schools, Civil Service Commissioner Shmuel Hollander told the members of the Knesset Education Committee that the project could not go ahead in its present form.

Hollander recommended that instead of creating the administration, Education Minister Zevulun Hammer should at this stage just establish a new department within the ministry.

Hammer, Deputy Minister Moshe Peled and senior ministry officials turned out in force for the committee meeting which became particularly stormy. Much of the argument concentrated on evidence that the administration had already been created without the committee's knowledge and without abiding by the norms of public administration, charges Hammer denied.

Hollander said the civil service would insist that all appointments in the new division be made according to the accepted rules.

"There are those who have presumed they will be at the head of the administration. This is unacceptable to us and we will abide by the principle of tenders," he said. Hollander. "There cannot be a situation in

which all the workers in the division will belong to one specific [religious] stream."

Tension ran high from the start of the meeting when committee chairman Emanuel Zissman (Third Way) asked Hammer whether there was any truth to the reports that the ministry had decided to disband the Pedagogic Training Institute and to transfer the funds to the new administration instead.

Education Ministry Director-General Benzion Dell denied the reports.

Hammer denied the administration had actually been established, but said there is a need for it and the majority of the public supports it.

He said no existing educational body would be harmed by it. "Just as there is an administration for sciences, there is a need for an administration for Zionist and Jewish values," Hammer said.

MK Naomi Chazan (Meretz) embarrassed the minister by producing a letter dated January 1997 with the administration's title printed on it, signed by Avraham Lipschitz in the position of "administration director."

Peled said it was an internal memo, not an official letterhead. At the end of the meeting, the committee called on the ministry to take no further steps to establish the administration but to accept the civil service recommendations to create a division within the ministry first and assess its operations after two years.

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Reform Party now Canada's main opposition

By DAVID CRARY

OTTAWA (AP) - The governing Liberal Party yesterday assessed some embarrassing election setbacks, including losses by two cabinet ministers, though it narrowly retained a majority in a parliament more divided than ever by regional interests.

left-wing New Democratic Party 21 and the Progressive Conservatives 20.

The Bloc Quebecois, though down from the 50 seats they held before, did well enough in Quebec's 75 districts to claim there was still momentum to call for another referendum on independence within the next few years.

The Bloc's leader, Gilles Duceppe, said the overall results - including Reform's success - should signal to Quebecers that secession was necessary. "Reconciliation of the aspirations of Quebec and those of the rest of Canada are impossible," he said.

The first batch of returns, from the four Maritime provinces, were devastating for the Liberals. They had held 31 of the 32 seats there, but lost two-thirds of them, including the Nova Scotia seat of Health Minister David Dingwall and the New Brunswick seat of Defense Minister Doug Young.

But the Liberals rebounded, as expected, in populous Ontario, scoring a near-sweep of the 103 seats. And they also did well in Quebec, adding about 10 seats to the 19 they held before.

But the nationwide results cast doubt on the Liberals' claim to be the only truly national party in Canada.

In overall percentages, the Liberals captured 39 percent of the total vote, while the Conservatives and Reform won 19% each and the New Democrats and the Bloc Quebecois both earned 11%.

Reform's leader, Preston Manning, was denounced as an anti-Quebec bigot by several of his rivals, including Jean Charest, whose Progressive Conservative Party battled with Reform for right-of-center votes.

"The old political landscape is changing," Manning said in what sounded like a victory speech. "I believe Canada has entered a season of transition, a period where old ideas are dying and new ideas are being born."



Preston Manning (AP)

For the first time, a party playing on anti-Quebec sentiment - the western-based Reform Party - emerged as the main opposition force in the House of Commons after Monday's balloting.

Reform failed to make inroads in eastern Canada, but rolled to a near-sweep in Alberta and British Columbia with a platform suggesting too many concessions had been made to persuade Quebecers not to secede.

The centrist Liberals, who five weeks ago were cocky enough to call the election 18 months early, held 174 seats in the outgoing parliament. They won 155 seats, just four more than the minimum needed to form a majority government under Prime Minister Jean Charest, who barely survived a close race in his own district in Quebec against a strong separatist challenger.

Reform won 60 seats, the separatist Bloc Quebecois-44, the

US theme-park slide collapses

1 dead, 30 injured on the 'Banzai Pipeline'

BY ADAM ENTOUS



Medics tend to one of the victims of the accident at a California theme park yesterday. (AP)

SAN FRANCISCO (Reuters) - A water slide collapsed at a popular California amusement park Monday, killing one teenager and injuring at least 30 other people, many of them students on a graduation trip.

More than 10 people were seriously hurt - six with life-threatening injuries - when part of the 12-meter-tall winding slide collapsed at Waterworld USA, Chuck McFadden, ambulance service spokesman for American Medical Response, said.

A 17-year-old girl died at the Mount Diablo Medical Center, where she was being treated, a hospital spokeswoman said. Waterworld, owned by Premier Parks Inc., is in Concord, California, about 48 km north-east of San Francisco.

Witnesses said people on the slide, called the Banzai Pipeline, crashed to the ground when it collapsed, turning the pool of water below red with blood.

"We could hear it collapse," one witness said. "We could see everyone running."

The injured teens were screaming and crying for help, witnesses said. "It was a very chaotic scene at first," one police officer at the park said.

Many of the injured broke

bones in the fall and were unconscious when the ambulances arrived, McFadden said.

The park was crowded on the warm afternoon with teenagers and younger children, park officials said.

Waterworld general manager Steve Mayer said the water slide apparently gave way because a large group of high school students had gathered at the top. Some of the teenagers were told not to slide together but ignored the warning.

"Our guard couldn't control it," he said of the large number of teenagers going down the water slide.

Park officials said most of those injured were high school students from Napa, California, who came to the park to celebrate their graduation in two weeks. A school spokesman said 120 seniors from the school were at the park.

"It's a tragic situation that probably could have been avoided," Patricia Pava, spokeswoman for the Contra Costa County Office of Emergency Services, said.

Concord police said ambulances and helicopters took the injured to several local hospitals. Hospital officials said many of the students suffered serious neck and back injuries.

Sinn Fein locked out of Irish talks

BELFAST (Reuters) - Sinn Fein, the political wing of the IRA, was again locked out of talks on the future of Northern Ireland yesterday.

As leaders of the main political parties gathered to resume talks adjourned during Britain's national election campaign, a Sinn Fein delegation was met with padlocked gates.

"Is there any possibility of even opening this gate so that we can have a civilized conversation?" Sinn Fein president Gerry Adams asked officials outside a government center in Belfast.

"I'm afraid not," said an official behind the gate.

Mo Mowlam, Northern Ireland Secretary in Britain's newly-elected Labor government, had earlier ruled out a seat at the talks for Sinn Fein while its Irish Republican Army ally was on a

war footing. "We would prefer to have Sinn Fein around the table rather than not, but that is dependent on a meaningful cease-fire," Mowlam said.

A six week lull in IRA activity ended over the weekend in a 500 kg bomb-scare in Belfast.

Police found the explosives, which did not go off, in a burned-out van and said the IRA had tried to lure them into a trap.

Pro-British Protestant hardliners, in the runup to what is feared will be a turbulent period of parades through Catholic zones, were blamed Sunday for the mob killing of a police officer, who was kicked to death.

"Loyalist" militias, pledged to thwart the IRA's aim of ending British rule, have shot dead two Catholic nationalists in the past year and injured others in booby-trap bomb attacks.



Sinn Fein President Gerry Adams stands outside the gates of Stormont Castle, Belfast, yesterday after being locked out of peace talks. (Reuters)

Four Islamists slain in Egypt gun battle

CAIRO (AP) - Security forces killed four Moslem militants in the southern province of Minya in a two-hour gunbattle, the interior minister said yesterday.

The clash occurred Monday night in Samalut, 200 kilometers southwest of Cairo, Interior Minister Hassan Alfi said. The four killed were "dangerous terrorists" who were involved in the killing of nine Christians in an attack on a nearby Coptic church in February, Alfi said.

Police confiscated documents listing names of several people the militants planned to kill.

The government uses the term "dangerous terrorists" to refer to members of Gamaa al-Islamiya, or the Islamic Group, an umbrella organization for groups fighting to oust President Hosni Mubarak's secular government and set up an Islamic state in Egypt.

Amnesty International report: Iran tortures dissident clerics

LONDON (Reuters) - Amnesty International yesterday accused Iran of human rights violations against prominent dissident Shi'ite Moslem clerics and their followers.

In a 23-page report, the London-based human rights organization said at least three senior religious figures were reportedly held under house arrest and their followers had been widely detained and tortured.

The violations have occurred when religious leaders have opposed government policies, such as the absolute authority of Iran's supreme spiritual leader, or criticized human rights violations, it said.

Amnesty gave details on the plight of several Shi'ite clerics. Ayatollah Hassan Tabataeai-Qomi has been under house arrest for more than 13 years and Ayatollah Mohammad Sadeq Rowhani for more than 12 years, Amnesty said.

Ayatollah Yasub Din Rastgari has been under house arrest since late 1996 after having been arrested and detained several times.

Hundreds of Ayatollah Mohammad Shirazi's backers and relatives have been harassed and many detained and tortured, the report added.

Some of those held were tried before a special court for the clergy set up to investigate and try crimes such as "counter-revolution, corruption, immorality, unlawful acts, anything which might damage the prestige of the clergy and acts committed by 'pseudo-clergy'." Amnesty's report said.

"The extraordinary nature of this court and its procedures are such that it violates international human rights standards to which Iran is a state party," the organization added.

Iran has repeatedly rejected as politically motivated the criticism of its human rights record by international bodies and rights groups.

Swiss banks: No Mobutu billions

GENEVA (Reuters) - Swiss banks found only \$3.4 million in assets of toppled Zairean ruler Mobutu Sese Seko, bank watchdogs said yesterday.

The sums reported by banks, after a search ordered by the Swiss government, were just a fraction of the billions that Zaire's new rulers allege Mobutu stashed away with Swiss banks.

The Federal Banking Commission, Switzerland's banking supervisor, said six banks reported assets worth 4.8 million Swiss francs (NIS 11.5 million) held by Mobutu, his family, or people and companies associated with them. The assets are frozen.

Zairean strongman Mobutu was toppled last month by rebels, whose leader Laurent Kabila has taken over as president.

FBC deputy director Daniel Zuberbuehler acknowledged returning the funds to Kinshasa's new government could take years

under Swiss legal procedures. Switzerland froze Mobutu's assets, including a sprawling luxury 30-room mansion in Lausanne with a market value of more than \$5.5 million, only hours after he fled his capital last month.

The new rulers of the vast central African country have called on the US, France, Belgium, Austria, Liechtenstein and Portugal to follow suit. Zaire alleges Mobutu had 11 billion Swiss francs here.

But Zuberbuehler dismissed "these wild stories. There are no billions. It would be nice if Mobutu had billions here, but he probably has spent the money."

A VERY DIFFERENT TWO DAYS ON THE GOLAN

Widely recognized as perhaps Israel's most important security asset, the Golan is for the moment on the back burner. But it won't be there for long. So what better time than now to join Shorashim and The Jerusalem Post Travel Club for an in-depth, English-speaking two day tour of the area. We'll visit the settlements, examine the security issues and view the terrain, the animals, the water and the beauty.

We'll visit the museum at Kibbutz Tel Katzir, Mitzpe Nukeib, the Byzantine church of Kursi, Mount Bental, Kibbutz Afik, Emek Habacha. We'll pick blueberries to our heart's content, look at the reforested Hula, view Nebi Yehoshua, Tel Kadesh, Ha'Eilat, the famous Enot Ya'acov bridge, Khan Yarda, Kfar Hanassi and the wineries of Kibbutz Amiad. A truly magnificent tour. Overnight at Kibbutz Kfar Blum, with a lecture on the wolves of the Golan.

The date: Sunday-Monday, July 13-14. The guide: Israel Shalem.

The price: NIS 595. Includes transportation from Jerusalem or Tel Aviv and back, background lectures and on-the-spot explanations, entrance to all sites, half-board accommodation in a double room, lunch and dinner on the first day, breakfast and lunch-box on the second.

Pick-up and drop-off along the route when possible, by prior arrangement.

Reservations and further information: SHORASHIM, POB 7588, 14 Rehov Abarbanel, Rehavia, Jerusalem 91074. Tel. 02-566-6231 (9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.) Ask for Michal, Vered or Varda.

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CRITIC'S CHOICE

ISRAEL FESTIVAL

The inventive, funny Second Hand Dance trio has two more shows only in Gerard Behar tonight at 9 and tomorrow at 5 p.m.

Pianist Elisabeth Leonskaja joins the Gushki String Quartet in performing Brahms' piano quintet, while the American foursome plays quartets by Mozart and Schubert at the Henry Crown Symphony Hall (8:30).

Michael Aizenstadt

CLASSICAL MUSIC

MICHAEL AIZENSTADT

Uri Pianka, former concertmaster of the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra, plays Barber's violin concerto with the Israel Chamber Orchestra under the baton of music director Philippe Entremont. This "American" evening also features Three Latin American Sketches by Copland and P.D.Q. Bach's Schconne a son gaut.

FILM

ADINA HOFFMAN

★★★ THE ASSOCIATE — A cheerfully commercial comedy starring Whoopi Goldberg as a high-powered financial analyst who rams her black, female head through Wall Street's glass ceiling. Donald Petrie's film is much more peculiar than it looks at first glance.



Uri Pianka plays Barber's violin concerto in Tel Aviv.

★★★★ BLOOD & WINE — One of the most exquisitely mixed-up pictures of the last several years, the latest collaboration between director Bob (Five Easy Pieces) Rafelson and actor Jack Nicholson combines a rich, novelistic sense of character with the plot twists of a junky genre flick.

TV

CHANNEL 1

6:30 News flash 6:31 News in Arabic 6:45 Exercise Time 7:00 Good Morning Israel

EDUCATIONAL TV

8:00 Six Days in Jerusalem - June 1967 8:30 Ammunition Hill 9:30 Jerusalem My City 9:45 For the very young 10:15 100 Years of Zionism

CHANNEL 2

6:15 Today's Programs 6:30 Johnny Quest 6:38 The Morning 9:00 Rivka Michaeli 9:55 Seniors 10:45 Dynasty

CHANNEL 3

15:30 All Together Now 16:00 100 Years of Zionism 16:20 Pillar of Fire

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JORDAN TV

15:30 Holy Koran 15:35 French programs 16:00 Neighbors 16:30 Spellbinder

MIDDLE EAST TV

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PRIME TIME TV

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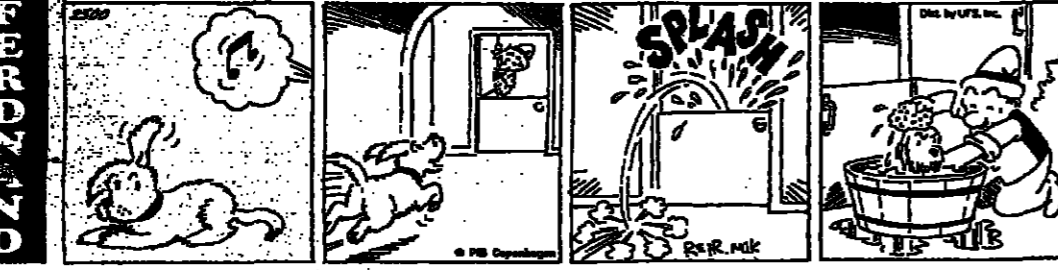
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CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

Cryptic crossword puzzle grid with clues for across and down words. Clues include 'Cured by drink he'd swallowed?' and 'He has a quiet summer in France'.

QUICK CROSSWORD

Quick crossword puzzle grid with clues for across and down words. Clues include 'I Purchaser' and 'Informs against'.

SOLUTIONS

Vertical list of crossword solutions including words like 'JERUSALEM', 'WIRE', 'ASHDOD', and 'NETANYA'.

MOVIES

Vertical list of movie listings including titles like 'Blood and Wine', 'The Saint', 'Absolute Power', and 'The English Patient'.

